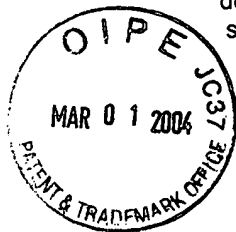


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**AMENDMENT A**

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Dear Sir:

This is in Reply to the Patent Office Action, mailed November 10, 2003 in the above referenced application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration, reexamination and allowance of claims 1 – 3 and 5 – 19 in view of the following claim amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.